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### INTRODUCTORY.

Some businesses are attractive simply because they are profitable and most of us are willing to engage in any honest undertaking which we can successfully manage, if it has nothing more in it to appeal to us than the money that can be made thereby. This is true even if the business has not a few disagreeable elements in it.

When, however, a business it not only profitable but one in which much pleasure can be found in its pursuit, then it becomes doubly attractive. This is peculiarly so of the business of raising squabs.

Any one who has watched a flock of pigeons and noted the iridescent loveliness of their beautiful plumage; their graceful flight when on the wing; and the bright, alert look of these splendid creatures, finds daily joy in studying them as well as solid satisfaction in handling the money they produce when cared for in a proper way.

The pigeon is a sleek bird of much beauty, and is interesting in all of its motions,—at its bath, as it disports itself in the water, dipping one wing and then the other, and submerging the whole body in a grand fluttering splash; then springing a few feet in the air, poising itself, and by rapid wing-motion, freeing its feathers of all excess of water, and then nestling on the ground in the sunshine to dry its plumage.

The purpose of issuing this book is that I may give sound, practical advice in the profitable growing of squabs, in which matter I feel that my long and successful experience warrants me in believing that I can be of service.

> Very respectfully, WILLIAM E. RICE-

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